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SUBJ TRUDEAU TO PRESS: REPORTS ON HEAD INTERVIEW RE NEW
CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH ARE "PURE FICTIONS"

REF OTTAWA 3138 AND 3140

1. IN HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING
THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU DES-
CRIBED AS "PURE FICTIONS OR INVENTIONS" THE NEWS REPORTS
BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS SPECIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ADVISOR, IVAN HEAD, WHICH HAD SUGGESTED THAT TRUDEAU IS
PLANNING TO TAKE AN ACTIVIST LEFT-WING APPROACH IN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SEE REFTELS). TRUDEAU SAID CANADIAN
FOREIGN POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE PROGRAMS THAT
BENEFIT PEOPLE BUT "THIS IS STANDARD LIBERAL POLICY."
THE PRIME MINISTER DENIED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MAJOR
CHANGES IN HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE
SAID, "I REALLY CAN'T LEAD CANADIANS TO BELIEVE THERE WILL
BE A SERIES OF BOLD NEW INITIATIVES."

2. WHEN A REPORTER SAID AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR STATEMENTS REGARDING
NEW APPROACHES IN CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY FROM
SEVERAL PERSONS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
TRUDEAU REPLIED: "I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A GOOD TALK
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WITH PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE." HE SAID HE WANTS HIS

STAFF TO MAINTAIN A "LOW PROFILE" AND LET FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS EMANATE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. MACEACHEN AND HIMSELF. TRUDEAU SAID MR HEAD TOLD HIM THAT HE NEVER DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN SWEDISH AND CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY NOR USED THE TERMS "LEFT WING" OR "MORAL" TO DESCRIBE CANADIAN POLICY.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT BY STATING THAT CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY BEGUN BY MR SHARP, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER MR MACEACHEN WITH "NO SHARP CURVES." HE SAID, "WE FEEL WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING A GOOD FOREIGN POLICY, ONE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE, WHICH IS RESPONSIVE, WHICH IS BASED ON CANADA'S NATIONAL PURPOSE AND WHICH IS AIMED AT IMPROVING AS FAR AS WE CAN THE LOT OF PEOPLES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, A BELIEF IN SHARING, A BELIEF IN AN ETHIC OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN FOR OTHER NATIONS IN THE WORLD."

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